Per Capita consumption of milk

4089. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability and consumption of milk in various states and in the country as a whole at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that operation flood programme is under implementation in various states of the country;

(c) if so, the progress made under the programme state-wise so far; and

(d) how far the implementation of the programme has improved the availability of milk State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A Statement indicating the per capita availability/consumption of milk in various States and in the country as a whole during 1980-81 and 1990-91 is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 83]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement indicating state-wise progress of key components of Operation Flood Programme as on 31st December 1991 is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 84].

(d) No separate data of actual milk production under Operation Flood areas, is available. However, the per capita availability of milk has generally improved as is evident from the statement at Annexure-I.

Gene-sanctuary from orchids in Sikkim

4090. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orchids continue to be endangered species in the country and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to halt this danger; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a gene-sanctuary for Orchids in Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, 50 species of orchids are either extinct or endangered. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already established an orchid sanctuary at Kalimpong (W.B.) under the All-India Coordinated Floriculture Improvement Project where orchids are conserved under natural conditions.

(b) No.

Paddy Research Centre

4091. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up a Paddy Research centre in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Sir, Government of Assam has requested the Government of India to open a branch of the Central Rice Research Institute in Assam. Government of India has not yet taken a final decision on this request.

Veterinary Scientists

4092. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the veterinary scientists who are engaged in teaching and research in Research institutes under the I.C.A.R. were sanctioned Non-Practising Allowance at par with the M.B.B.S. Doctors Vide Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi O.M. No. F-24(1)/86-ODN (A & A) dated the 26th August, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the following Research Institutes under the

ICAR have demurred payment of this Allowance for the last more than two years which is due w.e.f. 1-1-1986; (i) National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, (ii) Project Directorate on cattle, Meerut;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Medical graduates i.e., persons with M.B.B.S. qualification have enjoyed Non-Practising Allowance for a long time. Veterinary graduates in the Ministry of Agriculture including I.C.A.R. scientists have been granted N.P.A. following the implementation of decisions relating to IVth Pay Commission. The N.P.A. rates for veterinary graduates are not at par with N.P.A. for M.B.B.S. graduates.

(b) to (d) No Sir. Non-Practising Allowance in respect of eight scientists has already been paid by N.D.R.I. The eligibility of remaining Scientists is being looked into by a Review Committee of the Institute. The Scientists of the Project Direcorate on Cattle, Meerut have not been sanctioned Non-Practising Allowance as they do not come within the eligibility criteria laid for the purpose of sanctioning N.T.A. to I.C.A.R. scientists.

उच्च सुरक्षा पशु-रोग प्रयोगशाला

4093. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :**
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान भोपाल में उच्च सुरक्षा पशुरोग प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना की स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई थी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि छठी तथा सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान उक्त प्रयोगशाला की स्थापना के लिये केन्द्र सरकार, एफ०ए०ओ०, और यू०एन०डी०पी० द्वारा पर्याप्त धन राशि जारी नहीं की गई है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में स्वीकृत किये गये तकनीकी कर्मचारियों को अभी तक भी भर्ती नहीं किया गया है और यदि हां, तो यह प्रक्रिया कब तक पूरी कर लिये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) छठी तथा सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इस योजना के लिये 6.71 करोड़ रुपये की राशि प्रदान की गई थी। यू०एन०डी०पी० ने इस प्रायोजना पर 8,07,681 अमेरिकी डालर खर्च किये हैं।

(ग) इस उच्च तकनीक वाली अति आधुनिक प्रयोगशाला के निर्माण के निरीक्षण के लिये अपेक्षित आवश्यक तकनीकी कर्मचारियों की पहले चरण में पहले ही भर्ती की जा चुकी है।

Import of seeds

4094. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Norms laid down and formalities required serialwise by Government for import of various categories of seeds enlisted under OGL by individuals and organisations;

(b) whether Government have fixed the quantity of seeds to be imported by individuals/private organisations, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the Names of the countries from which import is allowed and categories of seeds to be imported?